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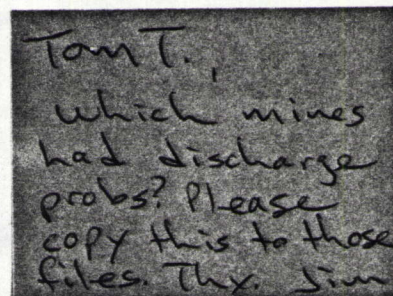
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February 25, 1982
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Richard E. Blubaugh
Regulatory Affairs Manager
Atlas Minerals
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RE: Wastewater Discharge and
Uranium Mine Analyses

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

As discussed with you on February 17, 1982, the enclosed January 20 memorandum from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining indicates several Atlas Uranium Mine facilities may have discharges from wash pad and maintenance areas. A search of our files does not indicate approval of these types of discharges. Therefore we request that Atlas submit to this office by April 1, 1982 a description of the wastewater disposal and appropriate implementation schedules for the development of acceptable wastewater disposal of the Atlas Uranium Mine wash pad facilities.

We have also reviewed the Atlas Minerals NPDES permit applications for the Velvet, Rim and Snow Uranium mines. Since the Snow and Rim mines appear to have metal concentrations which exceed the state water quality standards, metal analyses of the treated mine effluent will be required in the NPDES permit unless additional analyses indicate satisfactory values. Radium 228 data are also needed to determine appropriate limits for total radium 226-228 concentrations. To evaluate the metal concentrations at the Velvet mine additional information is necessary.

The following total metal and total radium analyses should be submitted to us by April 1, 1982 so that we may continue processing the permits:

Velvet mine: cadmium, copper, iron, radium 226-228.
Rim mine: radium 228
Snow mine: radium 228

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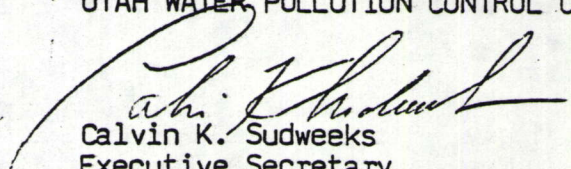
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Please call Steven McNeal of this office at 533-6146 if you have questions regarding the submittal of this information.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE



Calvin K. Sudweeks
Executive Secretary

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cc: Oil, Gas and Mining
Southeastern District Health Department
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